



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2011 Biennium

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| Bill # | SB0004 | Title: | Create standing water policy subcommittee of EQC |
| Primary Sponsor: | Wanzenried, David E | Status: | As Introduced |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

| | <u>FY 2010 Difference</u> | <u>FY 2011 Difference</u> | <u>FY 2012 Difference</u> | <u>FY 2013 Difference</u> |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Expenditures: | | | | |
| General Fund | \$111,538 | \$125,867 | \$142,603 | \$132,950 |
| Revenue: | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Net Impact-General Fund Balance | <u>(\$111,538)</u> | <u>(\$125,867)</u> | <u>(\$142,603)</u> | <u>(\$132,950)</u> |

Description of fiscal impact

Senate Bill 4 creates a standing water policy subcommittee of the Environmental Quality Council (EQC) to perform monitoring, analysis, and reporting duties defined in Section 85-2-105, MCA. The fiscal impact relates to committee and support costs. Senate Bill 4 is one of several bill drafts that seek to create additional legislative committees. The fiscal note for each bill is prepared based on the effect of the individual bill. However, when viewed as a package, the cumulative effect of passage of more than one bill will require additional analysis and may provide opportunities to share or redistribute costs.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Legislative Branch

1. The water policy subcommittee will consist of 12 members. Six members will be selected from the existing members of the EQC; the remaining six members may be members of the legislature or the public, but cannot be current members of the EQC.
2. Beginning in October 2009, the subcommittee will meet eight times during the legislative interim. All meetings will be in Helena in conjunction with meetings of the EQC to allow for sharing of travel costs.

3. As authorized in 5-5-211(7), MCA, all subcommittee members are entitled to compensation and reimbursement of expenses. Total cost for the 2011 biennium would be \$31,456.
4. Operational costs for photocopy, supplies, and postage would total \$2,695 for the 2011 biennium.
5. There is no reduction of EQC costs related to the subcommittee's assumption of water policy duties.
6. The Legislative Services Division will hire a full-time attorney and secretary to support the activities of the subcommittee and provide an accurate record of subcommittee action. The employees would begin work in October 2009. The secretary will support both the EQC and the subcommittee and replace the contract secretary currently employed by the EQC. The 2011 biennium cost for the attorney and the secretary, less the cost of the contract secretary, would be \$191,277.
7. The Legislative Services Division will obtain office space for the 2.00 FTE beginning in October 2009. The cost of office space will increase 1.5% annually; the 2011 biennium cost would be \$5,977.
8. The Legislative Services Division will incur one-time costs of \$6,000 for desks, file cabinets, chairs, and computers.

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| <u>Fiscal Impact:</u> | | | | |
| FTE | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| <u>Expenditures:</u> | | | | |
| Personal Services | \$87,245 | \$117,180 | \$122,623 | \$123,913 |
| Operating Expenses | \$24,293 | \$8,687 | \$19,980 | \$9,037 |
| TOTAL Expenditures | \$111,538 | \$125,867 | \$142,603 | \$132,950 |
| <u>Funding of Expenditures:</u> | | | | |
| General Fund (01) | \$111,538 | \$125,867 | \$142,603 | \$132,950 |
| TOTAL Funding of Exp. | \$111,538 | \$125,867 | \$142,603 | \$132,950 |
| <u>Revenues:</u> | | | | |
| TOTAL Revenues | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| <u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u> | | | | |
| General Fund (01) | (\$111,538) | (\$125,867) | (\$142,603) | (\$132,950) |

Technical Notes:

1. Senate Bill 4 does not specify an effective date and is, therefore, effective October 1, 2009. No resources exist to support committee activity or provide staff support prior to October 2009.

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